

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2005-146
September 30, 2005

SUBJECT: Adoption of the National Incident Management System

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, as amended, 87 Stat. 790; Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11) (2001), and pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, it is hereby **ORDERED** that,

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security participants has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the District's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

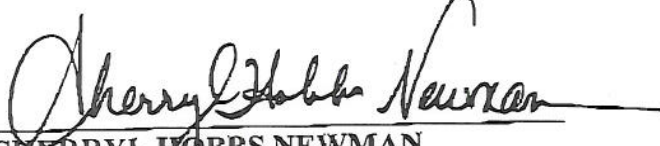
WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the District, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

1. All District agencies subject to the direction of the Mayor shall adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the District standard for incident management.

2. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.


ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SHERRYL HOBBS NEWMAN
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA